

TO: TALK w/ADE Members

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SUBJECT: Minutes from Meeting on March 17, 2003

TALK w/ADE MEETING MINUTES

❖ **Welcome/Attendance**

- Steve Mishlove--Arizona Department of Education/Exceptional Student Services (ADE/ESS); Jeannette Zemeida--ADE/ESS; Susan Benjamin (for Laura Bistrow), Paradise Valley Unified School District; Gail Bornfield, Amphitheater Unified School District; Bill Brook, Safford Unified School District, Diane Bruening, Chandler Unified School District; Karen Davis, PPEP TEC Charter High School (by phone), Pamela Loper, Pendergast Elem. School District; Pat Marsh, Ft. Huachuca Accommodation School

❖ **ADE Update**

- Essential Facilitation for the IEP Meeting Process
 - Training set for May 14-16, 2003; details to be determined
- Consent Decree from Class Action lawsuit has been officially closed
 - Very few awards needed to be granted
 - Monetary compensation was low
- SPEDWEB (formerly known as I-SPED)
 - Private vendors want same monetary arrangement
 - ADE/ESS may have to make money available for any software program that can meet the same criteria as SPEDWEB
 - Rigid parameters would need to be set for consideration
- Gifted Division, currently located in Exceptional Student Services will be moving to another unit, probably Academic Support, in the near future
 - Plans to increase capabilities to better serve charter schools and districts
- Medicaid
 - Steve has been meeting with a group of directors to come up with some descriptions of additional services that ADE/ESS wants added to the Medicaid agreement with AHCCCS
 - Focus is on targeted case management, durable medical equipment/assistive technology, and services for the sensory impaired
 - Descriptors are near finalization
- Assistive Technology Wheel
 - ESS purchasing through Assistive Technology grant and disseminating to PEAs
 - Assistive Technology will be attaching a letter regarding program and services
- Census
 - Still having difficulties with SAIS
 - School Finance/SAIS working on technical problems
 - About 15,000 records missing

❖ OPEN DISCUSSION

- Out-of-Level Testing Meeting – Diane Bruening
 - Committee members of group working on recommendations
 - No Child Left Behind (NCLB)/Arizona Learns legislation – how will they impact the test scores of students with disabilities
 - Concerns regarding district scores with all students' scores being included
 - Accommodations have been expanded
 - Concerns and expectations of IDEA Reauthorization discussed
- Alternative Routes to Certification (Meeting held to look at Emergency Certification) -- Gail Bornfield
 - Briefly discussed areas covered in February Talk/w ADE meeting
 - Considering community colleges to establish a credentialing method
- District Assessment Program (DAPs)
 - Comments and discussion from other members regarding quarterly assessment
- ESS Specialist for Ft. Huachuca area
 - Offers went out prior to March meeting
 - Waiting for responses
 - State salary vs district salary can be a deterrent as district salaries are often much higher
- Program Outcomes
 - Emphasis on procedural requirements instead of performance indicators – unlikely
Reauthorization of IDEA will switch emphasis to performance indicators
- 6-B Funding
 - Allocations, hopefully, will go out the early part of May
 - Districts can expect to get at least as much as in previous year

❖ NEXT MEETING

- The next meeting will be held April 21, 2003, Paradise Valley Unified School District, IMC Building, Ivory Room, 15002 N. 32nd St., Phoenix, 9 am –12 noon.